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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Handling of the KLYUCHI Mission in the ZI

1. There has been intense interest in the intelligence community in the results of the KLYUCHI mission which is about to arrive, if it has not already arrived, at EK for processing. Colonel Macia called to urge that the materials be made available simultaneously to all members of the community in order to avoid bureaucratic wrangling after the fact. I think he has a point, but I also believe that Lundahl has important thoughts to the effect that you may wish an immediate appraisal of the performance of the cameras for possible follow up missions and that we should be able in the ZI to accomplish speedy reporting.

2. Accordingly, I recommend that Operations arrange permission and instructions for sending an inter-agency team to EK to be available when the original negative appears for the following two purposes:

a. To report immediately to the Project with regard to camera function, and

b. To prepare promptly an ODE Report (that is the type of report normally prepared at an [REDACTED] center when a penetration has been accomplished) which would be couriered to Washington promptly and made available to all participants immediately.

3. I recommend that this be a matter of decision on your part rather than any consultation with the other agencies but they, meaning the Army, Navy, and Air Force, each be invited to send one PI and that Art be requested to send two, one of whom would be in charge.

4. It could be argued that finding out the results even in a preliminary way of the KLYUCHI mission is not of urgent importance and

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that a few days wouldn't make any difference. Whereas this may be true, I submit that this does provide an opportunity for experimenting and demonstrating the speed with which the AQUATONE operation can function even when processing is accomplished in the ZI.

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5. As soon as the preliminary PI of the original is accomplished, all duplicate materials should be made while the original is there, this to include in addition to normal requirements a print for [REDACTED]. However, as soon as two duplicate positives are made, they should be delivered to Washington, one to the Air Force and one to CIA, which would then permit more careful investigation simultaneously by all parties.

6. It would be helpful if you would act on these recommendations as soon as possible in order that if you approve, arrangements can be promptly made for transportation etc.

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